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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

582 Berclair Road

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a vacant house fire at 582 Berclair Road, Friday, November 19, 2021 at 2:25 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the one-story wood frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Ten (10) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately twenty-six (26) emergency response personnel responded to the call. Acting Battalion Chief M. Lawrence was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 2:35 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence did not have a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$2,000.00 structure and \$1,500.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a portable gas stove that malfunctioned in the kitchen. Red Cross assistance was not requested.

The Memphis **Fire** Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by calling the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/>. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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